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In re Application of:

Hiroyuki ATAKE

Group Art Unit: 1773

Serial No.: 09/397,034

Examiner: Monique R. Jackson

Filed: September 16, 1999

For: DECORATIVE SHEET, SHEET-DECORATED MOLDING AND SHEET-DECORATING MOLDING METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection in the Office Action mailed March 11, 2003 in view of the following remarks.

Applicant notes that there is only one formal rejection in this case; the claims are not rejected over prior art.

The rejection of claims 13, 14, 17, 18, and 21 to 25 under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 as allegedly based upon a non-enabling disclosure regarding the determination of the recited



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range of coefficient of kinetic friction in the independent claims is respectfully traversed.

Applicant notes and appreciates the Examiner's development of her position in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the instant action, but submits respectfully that the application is enabling and indeed teaches the person of ordinary skill in the art how to practice the claimed invention.

The Examiner advances various reasons why one allegedly would not be able to perform the test for determination of the coefficient of kinetic friction. Applicant says that the disclosure in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the instant case as well as the results reported in Table 2 at the top of page 15 show to the reader how one does carry out the tests by which to determine the values appearing in the present claims. Nothing more is required and the claims are patentable.

The paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the specification tells the reader how to determine the coefficient of kinetic friction in the manner of the present invention. The following paragraph on page 5 contains an explanation why the value should range between 0.2 and 0.9. The portion of page 14 of the

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specification under "Examples" and the values in Table 2 on page 15 provide more enabling disclosure. The specification is complete but itself and enabling - a measuring method is disclosed and values determined thereby are given. The rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if anything further is required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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